



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

May 10, 2024

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from May 3, 2024 to May 9, 2024. Readers are reminded an "arrest" is based upon probable cause and does not always mean someone was physically taken into custody. Furthermore, it does not mean an individual is automatically guilty of a crime. Judicial outcomes and post-arrest proceedings can be researched through the appropriate court's website.

(VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS IS NOT MEANT TO BE A LISTING OF EVERY INCIDENT OR CALL HANDLED BY THE Vienna Police, but merely a more substantive summary of several incidents, which may be of interest to the community. Some reports may be outside the date parameters due to extended investigations or other circumstances. Some cases are not included at all due to ongoing investigations. Please contact Juan Vazquez for further information at Juan.vazquez@viennava.gov)

On July 1, 2021, citizens will be able to access Community Policing data via <https://data.virginia.gov/stories/s/rden-cz3h>. The Vienna Police Department had started complying with this state law in July of 2020. The portal will contain all non-consensual investigatory stops made by the Vienna Police Departments and other law enforcement agencies in the commonwealth.

UPDATE – Car Thefts and Tamperings

The National Capital Area, specifically the Northern Virginia area, has seen increased vehicle tampering incidents and vehicle thefts. A recent pattern has been identified where suspects enter the area in stolen vehicles and cruise streets between 3:00 AM and 7:00 AM. In addition to rifling through unlocked cars for valuables and money, they steal the vehicle when they encounter keys left in it. The Vienna Police Department would like to remind our community members to please stay vigilant, secure their cars and take the keys inside, and close and lock all doors of residences and garages to prevent criminals from targeting your property. Additionally, please call the police if you notice suspicious vehicles or people in your area, and share Ring doorbell or other security camera footage with us if you capture video related to these incidents. The Vienna Police Department is working closely with other Law Enforcement agencies in the region, coordinating our resources to investigate these crimes.

If you see suspicious activity or persons, we ask you to immediately notify the police department at 703-255-6366 or, in case of emergency call 911.

INCIDENTS

Fraud 24-004553

200 Block Patrick Street, SW

April 14 12:00 p.m.

A resident believed she was working with her financial advisor online when she invested money. She later found the transaction was a scam.

Fraud 24-005010

500 Block MacArthur Avenue, NE

Between April 18 at 12:00 p.m. and April 30 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported someone used her personal information to open a financial account.

Fraud 24-004551

600 Block Tazewell Road, NW

April 29 5:25 p.m.

A resident received a suspicious email from someone trying to defraud him. The resident was advised to delete the email and not to open any suspicious links.

Arrest – Animal Case 24-004665

700 Block Meadow Lane, SW

May 2 4:08 p.m.

An officer responded to the area of Kingsley and Ware for two dogs at large. A citizen was able to capture the dogs on Marshall Road. PFC Reed issued two summonses to the owner, a 45-year-old man from Meadow Lane, SW in Vienna, charging Allow Dog to Run at Large. The man retrieved the two dogs.

Open Door 24-004709

Just Tires

352 Maple Avenue, East

May 3 1:08 a.m.

Officers responding to an alarm found an unsecured door. The officers checked the building and found nothing appeared to have been disturbed.

Fraud 24-004710

Wawa

465 Maple Avenue, West

May 3 2:22 a.m.

An employee found a credit card skimmer on one of the registers.

Destruction of Property 24-004751

Vienna Community Center

120 Cherry Street, SE

May 3 6:52 p.m.

An employee reported four juveniles covered the floor in the back hallway of the community center with shaving cream.

Traffic Stop 24-004754

200 Block Maple Avenue, East

May 3 8:48 p.m.

An officer was alerted to a stolen license plate displayed on a vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. The officer confirmed the stolen entry with Arlington County Police, who had taken the theft report. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, they determined he was the vehicle owner who reported one of his tags was stolen and was driving with the one remaining tag after being advised to obtain new license plates from the DMV.

Found Property 24-004758

Tapawingo Road and Park Street, SE

May 3 10:35 p.m.

An officer responded to the report of debris in the roadway and found a case containing items. The case was placed in the property office to be released to the owner.

Found Property 24-004775

Yeonas Drive and Hillcrest Drive, SW

May 4 10:45 a.m.

A citizen turned in a set of keys they found in the area.

Fraud 24-004872

Walgreens

225 Maple Avenue, East

May 4 7:38 p.m.

A citizen advised she reported her credit card stolen to the Fairfax County Police. She stated unauthorized purchases were made with the card at Walgreens.

Suspicious Person 24-004818

300 Block Maple Avenue, West

May 5 12:27 a.m.

An officer was completing a traffic stop when she observed a man walk up to the vehicle she had stopped and begin speaking to the occupants, giving them unsolicited advice. The officer advised the driver they could leave. She identified the man and spoke with him before sending him on his way.

Arrest – Domestic Assault 24-004824 and Drunk In Public 24-004825

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

May 5 3:10 a.m.

Two residents were involved in a verbal dispute that escalated to a physical altercation where one of them assaulted the other. PFC Mayar arrested the 46-year-old man from Cedar Lane, SE. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Domestic Assault.

During the investigation, officers noted the other man was intoxicated. The officers advised the man to go to his room for the night to avoid further issues with other family members. Shortly after leaving the scene, officers were called back to the area for the man causing a disturbance in the apartment. When they arrived they located the man outside of the apartment. Ofc. Fitchue arrested the 31-year-old man from Cedar Lane, SE. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 24-004838

Café Amouri

107 Church Street, NE

May 5 6:16 p.m.

Officers responded to Center Street and Wilmar Drive, NW for the report of a man knocking on residents' doors and acting erratically. They located the man at Café Amouri and, upon their interaction with him, detected signs of intoxication. The man was placed under arrest and immediately began to resist the officers. PFC Stroh transported the 32-year-old man from Ridgeview Road in Reva, Virginia to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk in Public and Obstruction of Justice Without Force.

Police Service 24-004839

900 Block Potterton Circle, SW

May 5 7:28 p.m.

A resident requested a welfare check on a relative. The relative appeared in good condition but agreed to go to a medical facility for evaluation.

Arrest – Alcohol Violation 24-004847

7-11

8616 Park Street

May 5 10:40 p.m.

An officer observed a man drinking alcohol in front of the store. PFC Mayar issued a summons to the 47-year-old man from Cedar Lane, SE charging Drinking Alcohol In Public. The man was released on his signature.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 24-004851

400 Block Maple Avenue, East

May 6 1:06 a.m.

The Fairfax City Police Department gave a lookout for a vehicle that had just been stolen in their jurisdiction. A Fairfax County K-9 unit located the vehicle in the 400 block of Maple Avenue. Upon Vienna's PFC Mayar's interaction with the driver, he detected signs of impairment and the man appeared to have minor injuries to his face. Rescue personnel responded and treated the man at the scene. After failing a series of field sobriety tests, the man was arrested.

The man was transported to the Vienna Police Station where he provided a sample of his breath analysis. The 24-year-old man from Barrick Street in Fairfax was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Driving on a Revoked License. The officer also served three warrants from Fairfax City on the man charging one count of Felony Vehicle Theft and two counts of Misdemeanor Assault.

Vehicle Tampering 24-004900

400 Block Echols Street, SE

May 6 4:06 a.m.

A citizen reported an unknown person rummaged through his vehicle and stole U.S. currency.

Trespassing 24-004861

Restore Hyper Wellness

214 Maple Avenue, West

May 6 1:00 p.m.

An employee reported a man was disorderly and refusing to leave their office. The man had previously acted belligerent toward a nurse. The employee informed the man they were closing his membership and refunding his money. The man began arguing with the employee, refusing to leave. An officer advised the man he was trespassed from the premises and may be arrested if he returned.

Animal Case 24-004870

Kindercare

437 Knoll Street, NW

May 6 5:30 p.m.

An officer responded to Kindercare for the report of a found dog. The dog was transported to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter after unsuccessful attempts to locate its owner.

Juvenile Case 24-004892

Vienna Elementary School

128 Center Street, South

May 7 8:15 a.m.

The principal and school security reported two children were walking to school when two older women approached them and kissed them on the cheeks.

Police Service 24-004926

Shepherdson Lane, NE

May 7 4:30 p.m.

A school official reported a student's parent sent an email to a teacher stating their child was having emotional issues. A teletype was sent to the Fairfax County Police Department advising them of the email and requesting a welfare check on the child.

Petit Larceny 24-004927

100 Block Tapawingo Road, SE

May 7 6:55 p.m.

A resident reported their license plate was stolen.

Suspicious Person 24-004929

Nutley Street and Kingsley Road, SW

May 7 8:18 p.m.

A citizen reported a man walking in the area and carrying what they believed was a firearm. Officers thoroughly searched the area but did not locate the man.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 24-004931

400 Block Maple Avenue, East

May 7 10:41 p.m.

An officer checked on the welfare of a man he observed stumbling on the sidewalk. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, he detected signs of intoxication. PFC Rodriguez arrested the 42-year-old man from Quaint Lane in Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk in Public.

Suspicious Person 24-004933

600 Block Hillcrest Drive, Sw

May 7 10:44 p.m.

A resident observed a woman come onto his property, take a chair from his front porch, and tamper with the lights above his garage. She also unscrewed some of his lights in the yard.

Grand Larceny 24-004971

Dollar Tree

215 Maple Avenue, West

May 8 between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

An employee found her purse was stolen from the employee break room after she began receiving alerts on her credit card accounts. Unauthorized purchases were made to her accounts at various locations in town including Walgreens, Giant Food, CVS, and Exxon.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 24-004977

300 Block Johnson Street, SW

May 9 12:43 a.m.

Officers responded to check on the welfare of a resident after he sent concerning text messages to 911. Officers spoke to the resident and his relative and determined the man was in good condition and did not require further assistance.

Animal Case 24-004993

300 Block Blair Court, NW

May 9 12:38 p.m.

An officer responded to the report of an injured deer. The officer found the animal was in grave condition and euthanized the deer.

CASE UPDATES

None

CRASHES

200 Block Maple Avenue, East 24-004928

May 7 7:18 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound in adjacent lanes. Vehicle-1 sideswiped Vehicle-2.

Please contact Ruth Rohr for further information on any of these cases at Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov or 703-255-6324.

CITIZEN NOTES



Mayor & Chief at Your Service

Get set for the second forum of the year featuring Mayor Linda Colbert and Vienna Police Chief Jim Morris on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 7 p.m. at the Vienna Police Department Community Room. The topic of this session will focus on phone and internet scams that have already cost Vienna residents of all ages hundreds of thousands of dollars. Learn about the latest scams, including one that targets recent college graduates, and find out how you can protect yourself from falling victim to these scams.

Afterward, Chief Morris and Mayor Colbert will be available to take questions on any Town topic. Refreshments will be served. The Vienna Police Department is located at 215 Center St. S., Vienna.

TOWN OF VIENNA POLICE DEPARTMENT



Crash Investigation

As we see a rise in these cases across the area and the country, we would like to share this important

On Wednesday, April 24th, 2024, at approximately 6:43 p.m., a serious pedestrian accident occurred at Church Street and East Street in the Town of Vienna. The police department is seeking your help. If you witnessed the incident or have a security camera that might have recorded it, please contact the Vienna Police Department at (703) 255-6366 and mention case number 2024-4331.

FBI Public Service Announcement and make the community aware.

Vienna Police Department



Public Service Announcement

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



September 12, 2023

Alert Number

I-091223-PSA

Questions regarding this PSA should be directed to your local **FBI Field Office**.

Local Field Office Locations: www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices

Violent Online Groups Extort Minors to Self-Harm and Produce Child Sexual Abuse Material

The FBI is warning the public of violent online groups deliberately targeting minor victims on publicly available messaging platforms to extort them into recording or live-streaming acts of self-harm and producing child sexual abuse material (CSAM). These groups use threats, blackmail, and manipulation to control the victims into recording or live-streaming self-harm, sexually explicit acts, and/or suicide; the footage is then circulated among members to extort victims further and exert control over them.

VIOLENT ONLINE GROUPS

The violent online groups use many names, including 676, 764, CVLT, Court, Kaskar, Harm Nation, Leak Society, and H3ll, but continuously evolve and form subgroups under different monikers. They operate on publicly available platforms, such as social media sites or mobile applications. To gain access to a majority of these groups, prospective members are required to live-stream or upload videos depicting their minor victims harming animals or committing self-harm, suicide, murder, or other acts of violence. The key motivators of these groups are to gain notoriety and rise in status within their groups.

TARGETING

The groups target minors between the ages of 8 and 17 years old, especially LGBTQ+ youth, racial minorities, and those who struggle with a variety of mental health issues, such as depression and suicidal ideation.

EXTORTION AND SELF-HARM

The groups use extortion and blackmail tactics, such as threatening to SWAT¹ or DOX² the minor victims, if they do not comply with the groups' requests, manipulate and extort minors into producing CSAM and videos depicting animal cruelty and self-harm. Self-harm activity includes cutting, stabbing, or fansigning³. Members of the groups threaten to share sexually explicit videos or photos of the minor victims with their family, friends, and/or post to the internet. The groups control their victims through extreme fear and many members have an end-goal of forcing the minors they extort into committing suicide on live-stream for their own entertainment or their own sense of fame.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The FBI urges the public to exercise caution when posting or direct messaging personal photos, videos, and identifying information on social media, dating apps, and other online sites. Although seemingly innocuous when posted or shared, the images and videos can provide malicious actors an abundant supply of content to exploit for criminal activity. Advancements in content creation technology and accessible personal images online present new opportunities for malicious actors to find and target minor victims. This leaves them vulnerable to embarrassment, harassment, extortion, financial loss, or continued long-term re-victimization. Further, the FBI recommends looking out for warning signs indicating a minor may be experiencing self-harm or suicidal ideations. Being able to recognize the warning signs of self-harm will help you provide immediate support.

The FBI recommends the public consider the following warning signs regarding self-harm or suicide:

- Sudden behavior changes such as becoming withdrawn, moody, or irritable.
- Sudden changes in appearance, especially neglect of appearance.
- Changes in eating or sleeping habits.

- Dropping out of activities and becoming more isolated and withdrawn.
- Scars, often in patterns.
- Fresh cuts, scratches, bruises, bite marks, burns, or other wounds.
- Carvings, such as words or symbols, on the skin.
- Wearing long sleeves or pants in hot weather.
- Threatening to commit suicide and openly talking about death, not being wanted or needed or not being around.

The FBI recommends the public consider the following when sharing content (e.g., photos and videos) or engaging with individuals online:

- Monitor children's online activity and discuss risks associated with sharing personal content.
- Use discretion when posting images, videos, and personal content online, particularly those that include children or their information.
 - Images, videos, or personal information posted online can be captured, manipulated, and distributed by malicious actors without your knowledge or consent.
 - Once content is shared on the internet, it can be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to remove once it is circulated or posted by other parties.
- Run frequent online searches of you and your children's information (e.g., full name, address, phone number, etc.) to help identify the exposure and spread of personal information on the internet.
- Apply privacy settings on social media accounts—including setting profiles and your friends' lists as private—to limit the public exposure of your photos, videos, and other personal information.
- Consider using reverse image search engines to locate any photos or videos that have circulated on the internet without your knowledge.
- Exercise caution when accepting friend requests, communicating, engaging in video conversations, or sending images to individuals, you do not know personally. Be especially wary of individuals who immediately ask or pressure you to provide them photos or videos. Those items could be screen-captured, recorded, manipulated, shared without your knowledge or consent, and used to exploit you or someone you know.
- Do not provide any unknown or unfamiliar individuals with money or other items of value. Complying with malicious actors does not guarantee your sensitive photos or content will not be shared.
- Use discretion when interacting with known individuals online who appear to be acting outside their normal pattern of behavior. Malicious actors can easily manipulate hacked social media accounts.

- Secure social media and other online accounts using complex passwords or passphrases and multi-factor authentication.
- Research the privacy, data sharing, and data retention policies of social media platforms, apps, and websites before uploading and sharing images, videos, or other personal content.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

If you are worried about someone who might be self-harming or is at risk of suicide the following resources may help:

- Consult your pediatrician or other health care provider who can provide an initial evaluation or a referral to a mental health professional.
- Connecting your child to a mental health resource can help them learn healthy coping skills for intense emotions and help reduce the risk of a serious injury.
- If it is an immediate, life-threatening emergency dial 9-1-1.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children provides a free service known as **Take It Down**, which helps minor victims, even if they are now an adult, but were victimized as a minor, with online image or video files, remove or stop the online sharing of nude, or sexually explicit content taken while under 18 years old. For more information, visit <https://takeitdown.ncmec.org>.

If you believe you are the victim of a crime using these types of tactics, retain all information regarding the incident (e.g., usernames, email addresses, websites or names of platforms used for communication, photos, videos, etc.) and immediately report it to:

- FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov
- FBI Field Office [www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices or 1-800-CALL-FBI (225-5324)]
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (1-800-THE LOST or www.cybertipline.org)

Reporting these crimes can help law enforcement identify malicious actors and prevent further victimization.

¹SWAT also referred to as SWATTING is the action or practice of making a prank call to police or emergency services in an attempt bring about the dispatch of armed police officers such as a SWAT team to a particular address.

²DOX also referred to as DOXXING is the action of obtaining and publishing personally identifiable information (PII) on the internet, usually for malicious intent.

³Fansigning is writing or cutting specific numbers, letters, symbols, or names onto your body.



Vienna Police Department

INFORMATION BULLETIN

FOR PUBLIC DISSEMINATION

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

On Friday, July 28, 2023, around 10:00 pm, two high school or early college age, white males built a "camp fire" on the Glyndon Park basketball court. The fire caused significant damage to the court surface.



If you have any information regarding this fire, please contact Det. Patrick Crandall, patrick.crandall@viennava.gov or Det. Bradley Reedy, bradley.reedy@viennava.gov (703) 386-4008, reference case number 2023-7214

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Vienna Police Department



The emergency technology company, **RapidSOS**, has partnered with the American Heart Association, American Red Cross, and Direct Relief to sponsor a no-cost voluntary health database. RapidSOS is an intelligent safety platform that securely links life-saving data from 500M+ connected devices, apps, and sensors from 90+ global technology companies to over 450,000 first responders across 15,000 agencies nationwide. Whether there's an unsafe moment or an emergency, RapidSOS Ready devices, homes, or buildings deliver essential data to first responders when it matters most.

Town of Vienna residents may create a free emergency health profile that can be easily shared with first responders during a crisis or emergency to ensure they can access your critical health and medical information when you need help. Your created profile provides real-time details about your medical history, emergency contacts, allergies, etc. It only takes a few minutes to set up and is voluntary.

You can enter behavioral health information, pre-existing medical conditions, allergies, emergency contacts, and other relevant details into the database. This information is associated with your mobile phone number and will only be available to first responders when they receive an emergency call from your provided telephone number. You can choose the amount of information you provide based on your discretion.

Regularly reviewing and updating your profile is vital to ensure first responders have the most up-to-date information, especially after significant health or life changes.

We encourage Vienna residents to take the first step in ensuring their safety during an emergency by creating a free emergency health profile today at <https://www.emergencyprofile.org/>.

